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Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Remarks

Claims

Applicants note that the numbering of the claims as originally filed inadvertently skipped claim number five (5). Accordingly, there are presently 19 claims, rather than a total of 20. In the Amendment A, filed on 7 August 2003, Applicants, for the sake of consistency, and in accordance with MPEP 608.01(j), did amended the claim numbers.

In accordance with the instant Notice, however, Applicants were instructed to renumber the claims, and relevant dependencies, to correct the original omission of claim 5. Therefore, Applicants have renumbered the claims as set forth in the listing of claims above.

For the sake of clarity, the amendment to claim 1, above, is identical to the amendment presented in the 7 August 2003 Amendment. From a dependency standpoint (rather than a numbering standpoint) the dependencies of the renumbered claims remain the same as the originally filed claims.

Conclusion

It is submitted that claims 1-19 distinguish patentably and non-obviously over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

If any extension of time or any fees are required relative to this Response, Applicants hereby petition for such extension and provide the authorization to charge deposit account 14-1270 for any necessary fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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